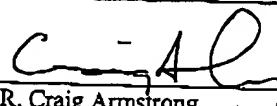


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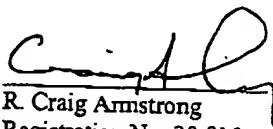
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Applicant provisionally elects to restrict the application to Group II (Claims 12-20), without traverse, but without prejudice to the right to later file a divisional application based on the non-elected subject-matter.

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